

Roble Systems Inc.
Unix, Network and Security Consulting
P.O. Box 46, Palo Alto, CA 94302
Phone: (415) 256-2502, (650) 323-2777
Email: info@roble.com
Http://www.roble.com

TO: RENATA B. HESSE TRIAL ATTORNEY, DOJ
AT: ANTITRUST DIVISION, # 1200 (202-616-9937)
FROM: ROGER MARQUIS (202-307-1545)
DATE: JAN 24, 2002
RE: MICROSOFT SETTLEMENT

NUMBER OF PAGES: 2 (including Cover Sheet)

COMMENTS:

THANK YOU

Jan 24 2002

Renata B. Hesse
Trial Attorney, Antitrust Division, Suite 1200
U.S. Department of Justice
601 D Street NW
Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20530-0001

The DOJ's Proposed "Settlement" it is so full of holes as to be entirely ineffective in curbing MS' illegal business practices. I hope the transparency of this settlement is not lost upon the court.

To accept the DOJ's proposal would:

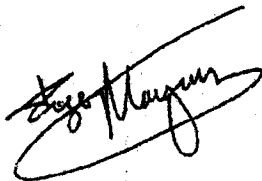
- A) keep this case in court for many, many years to come,
- B) deny consumers the right to choose applications free from monopoly influence,
- C) thwart the free-market competition needed to make software development profitable, and
- C) deeply damage many American's belief in the US system of law. The DOJ's proposal would prove that laws apply only to those without the resources to litigate.

The only effective solution, the only solution that will restore a level playing field, not surprisingly the remedy previously entered, is splitting the company into two, OS and applications.

Until Microsoft is split, thereby forcing the OS division to publish ALL file formats, ALL communication protocols, and ALL APIs my business as many other's will continue to be harmed. We will continue to waste time and money trying to correct intentional incompatibilities between MS and third party software, and our users will continue to be exposed to a completely unnecessary risk of viruses, trojans, and data loss.

I urge the court to reject the DOJ's proposed remedy and restore Judge Jackson's order of June 7, 2000.

Sincerely,



Roger Marquis
CEO, Roble Systems
P.O.Box 46
Palo Alto, CA 94302
(650) 323-2777